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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/927,540
Filing Date	August 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Yoji Serizawa
Group Art Unit	2852
Examiner Name	S. Brase
Attorney Docket Number	03500.015681.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:1460 130.00 OP
- iii. ☒ Other Suspension of action fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i))
- b. ☒ Checks in the amounts of \$ 770.00 (RCE) and \$ 130.00 (suspension) are enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Dennis A. Duchene	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	40,595
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In re Application of:

YOJI SERIZAWA

Application No.: 09/927,540

Filed: August 13, 2001

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS EQUIPPED
WITH DETACHABLE PROCESS CARTRIDGE
AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment And Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application.

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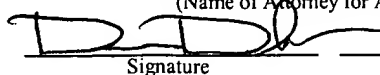
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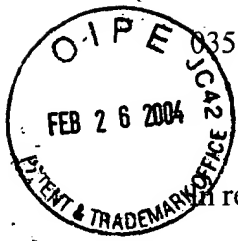
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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PATENT APPLICATION

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YOJI SERIZAWA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

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